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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, SF

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN ADMIRAL

REF: CAPE TOWN 670

FOLLOWING ARE MY ADMITTEDLY TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY REACTIONS
TO REFTEL:

1. IF INVITATION TO ADMIRAL JOHNSON IN FACT REMAINS WITHIN THE
CONTEXT IN WHICH REQUEST ORIGINALLY POSED -- I.E., AN INVITATION
EXTENDED TO ADMIRAL JOHNSON IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY - I BELIEVE
OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE DETERMINED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
JOINT STATE-DEFENSE GUIDANCE ON OFFICIAL VISITS FOR HIGH RANKING
SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. THIS WOULD INDICATE WE SHOULD
TELL AMBASSADOR HURD TO INFORM ADMIRAL BIERMANN THAT THE
VISA CANNOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE THE REQUEST DOES NOT FIT
THE ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR SUCH VISITS.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF CONTEXT OF INVITATION SHOULD
CHANGE -- E.G., WYMAN WOULD TELL US THIS IS A PRIVATE
TRIP TO ENABLE HIMSELF AND OTHER CONGRESSMEN TO TALK
INFORMALLY ON A PERSONAL BASIS WITH JOHNSON -- THEN
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WE WOULD BE OBLIGED DETERMINE OUR RESPONSE ON BASIS

OF JUDGMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF PERMITTING
SUCH A VISIT.

3. ON THIS LATTER COUNT, I LEAN TOWARD TELLING AMBASSADOR
HURD TO INFORM BIERMANN THAT WE WOULD PREFER NO
APPLICATION FOR VISA BE MADE. MY REASONS ARE (A) THIS IS
PARTICULARLY UNTIMELY MOMENT FOR US TO SEEM TO BE PAYING
THIS KIND OF ATTENTION TO SOUTH AFRICA, (B) CURRENT HEIGHTENED
SENSITIVITIES OF QUESTION OF ALLEGED US-SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE
AND SECURITY CONCERNS COULD BE EXPECTED SURROUND JOHNSON
VISIT WITH CONTROVERSIAL ATTENTION BY PRESS AND PUBLIC IN BOTH
US AND BLACK AFRICA, AND (C) IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PERMITTING
BIERMANN TO COME PRODUCED MORE FLACK THAN BENEFICIAL RESULT.
I AM INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT PRO-BIERMANN PRESSURES EXERTED
ON US THEN WOULD BE REPEATED THIS TIME.

4. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED AS TO PROGRESS OF YOUR CONSIDERATION
OF THIS REQUEST.
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